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for the benefit of students almost ex-clusively, and so the general taste of the reading public is indicated only in a general

way: the number of students using the libraries in proportion to the population is large enough to be gratifying to the patriot.

LIBRARY REPORTS.

Very likely the interest of the people as

whole, in both solid and light books, would

be shown more nearly if to the reports of

the Lenox and Astor were added those of

use the Mercantile library was 5,099. These

used 179,564 volumes, of which 102,231 were

fiction-56.93 per cent. This being a library

pay for his privilege, the character of the

taste of the well-to-do readers of the city

would seem to be well set forth by this

exhibit. The Free Circulating Library shows a demand for a considerably larger proportion of light literature. Thus out of 47,701 volumes circulated, 29,956 were fiction

and 14,421 juvenile. The fact that children

of ten years or more are permitted to use

However, it is a question whether the reader who would prefer to buy something worth his time has a fair chance to get

t, and that is to say that dealers and even

worth buying. But if these railway deal-

was occasionally called for, but it was in

gether with the popular prejudice in favor of certain sizes of pages, will probably coninue to contract the sale of books of solid

American readers for fiction and for litera-

counting the pages devoted to each class in a year's issue of any one of the leading American magazines. Fiction and poetry,

stories are hurt by serial publication. Hen-

"The knowledge of the future is going to

ber of people as that of books now is

of a book these three magazines would in a year kill off 5,000,000 books. Of course,

they do not kill off that many books, but

At the office of the American News Com-

the only books affected by periodical liter-

from English writers. The leader of them all in point of literary merit was "Jude the Obscure," and that is still in some demand

because of the ability of the author, but the day of the writer whose chief appeal for consideration is in his audacity is

view of the matter:

worth for many years, but not always.

publishers of good standing have become

the books of this library naturally account for the large demand for juvenile.

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and the Other Stock-Why?

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IN THE LITERARY MARTS

THE KIND OF BOOKS MOST POPULAR NOW WITH THE PUBLIC.

A Flood of Novels in Manuscripts the Publishers-Signs Showing the Public Taste.

When a publisher of long experience-one who was, in fact, born into the businesswas asked what were the most striking peculiarities of the market for literary wares in recent times, he replied that at present the most marked feature was the dull sale for books, but that if the market for the last twelve or fifteen months were considered its most interesting feature would be found in the enormous offerings of fiction from both known and unknown authors. Beginning late in 1894 there was a flood tide of novels of various lengths and | for the general reader able and willing to of an infinite variety of subjects, and the tide continued to swell for at least twelve months, and only within the last few weeks has the number of manuscripts offered returned to the proportions known before the tide set in. While no census of writers could very well be made, even by an association of publishers, it is reasonable to suppose that some tens of thousands of Americans were in some way infected with a desire to write stories, and did write them, to the advantage of dealers in paper, pens and ink, and to the advantage of no one else, unless, indeed, some specially favored publisher had to hire additional read-

ers to consider the offerings. An inquiry as to the cause of this sudden increase in the number of would-be story reporter talked, in an altogether conclusive | way, like the barbers, who all keep a file | newspaper of the land. It appeared that the scribblers, as the publishers called them, suddenly concluded that novel writwriting was easier (physically, at least) than digging clams or harvesting wheat or ballasting railroads-moreover, because would "sure get a fellow's name into the papers," a great mob dropped their accustomed tools for the unfamiliar pen and

It is an interesting fact that out of the of novel writers confined to America. Indeed, of the total number of offerings, if relative population be considered, the far greater proportion came from the English. oportion of these novels were of the rotic class is not stated, but the erudite editor of the Weekly says that "the poor quality of the novels of the year was gen-

JUVENILE LITERATURE.

one of real educational value. You can see other railroad book stalls about the city People who patronize us don't care for anything solid except as they get it in the mag-

If this were all that could be said of the table referred to it appears that the want or seek other vocations. Of course, and 309 books of poetry to complete the list | read the Bible the American taste is judged by the com-bined catalogues of the book publishers, inof the news stands patronized by people bound on journeys, it is found to demand more than twice as many books of the educational class as of the light or amus-

counter says that the list of books in the catalogue gives a view of American taste which warrants/a publisher in issuing twice as many different works of that class as of the light class, but that to accurately guage the taste of the people make public such matters. Nevertheless, it great sale. Kane's story of his Arctic ex-plorations netted \$100,000 each for author publisher. Henry George's "Progress each. But in recent years the buyers have had a fad every few months, and some-body sold his books by the ten thousand in consequence. And it was not always a named reports it is the fashion among lit-

tonishing proportion of the people are interested in historical matters, but the truth is that the Lenox is the best equipped in matters of American history of any of the New York libraries, and it is, in consequence, the chief resort of the history students of the city.

At the Astor library, by the last report, 7,844 readers were admitted to the alcoves where they could make special studies. Of these, 5,104 were interested in patents. In the general reading rooms 71,057 readers drew 218,051 volumes. Of these 31,257 were in the department of philosophy, 47,780 were in the department of science, 67,289 were in the department of history, and 71,725 in the department of letters and art.

These two libraries have their existence for the benefit of students almost ex-

PERRIBLE DISASTERS AND CRIME BREAK THE RECORD IN 1896.

An Astrologer Calls Attention Planetary Conjunction Occurring First Time Since 1811.

New York Journal.

The year 1896 will be perhaps the most memorable year of the century in its frightful record of shocking disasters, awful catastrophes on land and sea and wholesale crime. The unfor unate conjunction of the planets Saturn and Herschel foretells with unerring certainty the sad the Mercantile and the free circulating li- misfortunes of the present year. Not since braries. The number of people entitled to the beginning of the century has there been such a planetary combination.

From countless ages it has been foretold quakes, storms, great accidents by land and sea, fires and general disaster to the human race. These events must, above all, be attributed to the fact that the baleful planets Saturn and Herschel are posited in the mystic sign of Scorpio, in which both of them has added power. Herschel entered Scorpio on Dec. 10, 1890, and the present troublous conditions have to some extent prevailed since 1887, but are now reach-By collating the reports of all the libraries of the cities it would doubtless appear
that among library patrons the demand for
solid books exceeds that for light reading
considerably, though not to so great an extent as that indicated by the catalogue of ing an acute form. The evil influences are gaining in force every day. Herschel continues in Scorpio until November, 1897, and we shall feel his evil influence until fully the end of the century.

Saturn is a cold, moist planet, without life, and since the beginning of human history has been recognized as exercising a malign influence upon the earth. Herschel so much accustomed to rating the taste of is a recently discovered planet, about this publisher or by others with whom the reporter talked, in an altogether conclusive way like the berbers who all keep a file he operates to produce disturbances in our

The present astrological conditions have not prevailed since the beginning of the like feeling among the American people. of October and November the majority of the planets will be centered in Scorpio.

Probably 100,000 persons have met with ber of prominent persons is certainly justified by the record up to date.

The St. Louis horror is yet so fresh in of the number of deaths that have been

On Jan. 4, two thousand Christians were Several other bad railroad acci-

descending the shaft of the Luke Fiddler crimes were reported from all parts of the

EPIDEMIC OF MURDER On January 9, five blocks of Brushton, N. Y., were destroyed by fire. Three days later

day ninety people lost their lives in a Rus-

iery at Taylorstown, Wales, on January 6, and were suffocated. Near Marshall, tire family was burned to death. February 2, a tank steamer went down

by great loss of life. Sixty miners met

February 9, 10 and 11 will be remembered

On its eleventh day two hundred fishermer own to sea at Revel, Russia,

ear Mitchell, Ky. By a cave-in at the anta Eulalie mines, in New Mexico, April 5, forty-seven people were killed. MAY'S TERRIBLE RECORD.

warfare or by Kurds in Armenia, but ap-

of terrible storms and other frightful oc-

in May make the month one never to be forgotten. The following tabulated statement will give some idea of the extent of the tornadoes:

May 4-Fairmount, W. Va 2
May 12-Elkhorn, Neb
May 12-Lincoln, Neb
May 12-Sterling, Kan May 13-Sterling, Kan May 17-Sebetha, Kan May 17-Oneida, Kan May 17-Reserve, Kan May 18-Lamoni, Ia May 19-Falls City, Neb

Add to these totals the number of lives lost in St. Louis, East St. Louis and many other places since, and the value of the thousands of houses that were demolished and some adequate idea of the damage done will be gained.

May 26-Cairo, Ill 11

The catastrophe at Victoria, B. C., two weeks ago, when a street-car crowded with passengers ran off a bridge and fell seventy-five feet into the James bay, causing more than one hundred persons to lose their lives, will take place in history as one of the worst that has ever befallen that If the predictions of the astrologer comes

true for the remaining months of 1896, this year will indeed be a memorable one.

SKULL OF CHARLOTTE CORDAY. Many Conflicting Accounts Throw

making a careful scrutiny of the few musably that of some nameless and unknown woman instead of once having been the vering of the fiery brain that directed

the dagger to Marat's heart. Dr. Cabanes's argument that and that her head fell into the hands of one

actively concerned in the doings of those bloody days, was trying his best to rid himself of the infamy which he had in-

The woman quickly recovered her history, science, etc. He assumed, practically that only novels and poetry were lithormble relic, with which she disappeared.

CHILD SAVING.

Two Views Taken at the National Convention of Charities.

Would Have Revenge.

plies to the persons who were the victims Town and Country Journal.

THE TIDY SUM SQUANDERED ANNU-ALLY BY A NEW YORK SWELL.

cycle, Horse or Golf Stick to Show Where the Money Went.

New York Journal.

How to live on \$50,000 a year seems simple enough-cruelly and sarcastically simple to the thousands of tollers who are now living on \$8 a week and newspaper tables d'hotes; but how to live on \$50,000 a year and have nothing to show for it at the end of the twelve months except a tangled retrospection and a nine months' refusal on a little hollow-chested grave in a quite corner of a lovely cemetery is another question-a question which, it is safe to presume, would keep Bute Smashmore and other biscuit-brewing scientists guessing for a long time. But it can be done, and is being done to-day, right here in New York city, by a round-faced, boyish-looking young man, who has been spending \$50,000 a year for the last twentythree months, and who has succeeded so well that he has not even a pair of bicycle stockings or a golf stick to show for

Fifty thousand dollars annually is a pretty snug sum; it is what the Vanderbilts pay Chauncey Depew for governing their enormous railroad interests, and it is the amount that Uncle Sam gives each year to, the President of the United States for running this Republic. Both Dr. Depew and President Cleveland have managed on their salary to lay up a little for a rainy day, and they have lived reasonably well besides. But this young man, who scrapes along on half a hundred thousand en year, has not put one talent in a napkin.

he can readily catch up the next day. It is not such a difficult thing as it would appear at first sight, either-not when you

HIS VALET HELPS HIM His twenty-three months' apprenticeship

it about as rapidly as the combined efforts

It is a hard, fast pace this young man has to go to spend \$50,000 a year, with his limited resources, and it requires many

spends \$50,000 a year, and they are all be has to show for it.

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bie, will give way enough to p

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